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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION DEMARCHES

REF: A. STATE 236869

[1](#)B. STATE 237932

[1](#)1. (U) On November 8 we presented reftel A and B demarches to individual MFA departments for each country mentioned:

[1](#)A. We presented Belarus points to Deputy Director General for Eastern Europe Solendil, who confirmed the Turkish UN delegation had already been instructed to vote positively with the U.S. and EU position.

[1](#)B. We presented Turkmenistan points to Deputy Director General for Central Asia and the Caucasus Tezgor, who said the MFA has not made a final decision. We note it should not be a surprise to the U.S. delegation if Turkey chooses to abstain on this vote.

[1](#)C. We presented Sudan points to Deputy Director General for Africa and Eastern Asia Isik, who said Turkey needs additional time to consider its position.

[1](#)D. We also presented the Zimbabwe points to Deputy Director Isik and department head Etem confirmed that Turkey is a co-sponsor of this resolution.

[1](#)E. We presented Iran points to Deputy Director General for South Asia Evirgen, who indicated the MFA was still considering its position to this demarche and a similar one from the Canadians. We note that historically Turkey does not vote against Iran in international fora; and

[1](#)F. We presented Burma points to Deputy Director General for Africa and Eastern Asia Isik, whose head of section Etem confirmed Turkey was also a co-sponsor on this issue.

[1](#)2. MFA Iran interlocutor Evirgen and Turkmenistan interlocutor Emre both commented that last year Turkey did not participate in voting related to Iran and Turkmenistan.
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